Regular Session, 2004

HOUSE BILL NO. 20

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BY REPRESENTATIVES SHEPHERD, ALARIO, ANSARDI, ARNOLD, BADON, BALDONE, BAUDOIN, BAYLOR, BROOME, BRUCE, BURRELL, K. CARTER, R. CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CROWE, CURTIS, DANIEL, DARTEZ, DOERGE, DORSEY, DURAND, FAUCHEUX, FRITH, GALLOT, GLOVER, GRAY, E. GUILLORY, M. GUILLORY, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HONEY, HUDSON, HUNTER, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, MARCHAND, MCDONALD, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MURRAY, ODINET, PIERRE, PINAC, PITRE, T. POWELL, QUEZAIRE, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROMERO, SALTER, JACK SMITH, JOHN SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, THOMPSON, WALKER, AND WINSTON AND SENATORS ADLEY, BAJOIE, BOISSIERE, CRAVINS, DUPLESSIS, IRONS, JACKSON, AMEDEE, FIELDS, HOLDEN, JONES, AND MARIONNEAUX

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 1:55(B)(1)(a) and (2), relative to legal holidays observed by the
3	departments of the state; to provide that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday shall
4	be a state legal holiday; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 1:55(B)(1)(a) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7	follows:
8	§55. Days of public rest, legal holidays, and half-holidays
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10	B. Legal holidays shall be observed by the departments of the state as follows:
11	(1)(a) Insofar as may be practicable in the administration of the government,
12	no employee shall work on New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
13	which shall be observed on the third Monday of January of each year or in conjunction
14	with the day of the federal observance, Mardi Gras Day, Good Friday, Independence
15	Day, Labor Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, Inauguration Day
16	once in every four years in the city of Baton Rouge, or General Election Day every
17	two years.
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(2) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, Robert E. Lee Day, Washington's Birthday, National Memorial Day, Confederate Memorial Day, and Huey P. Long 2 Day shall be observed only in such manner as the governor may proclaim, considering 3 4 the pressure of the state's business; provided, however, that not more than two such legal holidays shall be proclaimed in any one year, one of which shall be National 5 Memorial Day. The governor shall call as a state holiday at least once every two years 6 7 the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 8 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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